

APPROVED

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Minutes of 01/19/2010

Meeting held at 7:30 PM @ Harold Martin School

Hopkinton, NH

Present were: Lee Wilder, Derek Owen, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow and Tim White.
Guest Dijit Taylor.

Meeting called to order at 1940 EST by Chairman Owen.

1. HCC minutes of 12/15/09 were moved and seconded to accept as written.
2. DES notice re Forestry Notification re Meadow's End Farm. All looks OK.
3. CNHRPC forming Currier and Ives Scenic By-ways Council. Notice went to Selectmen also. Council hopes to have a rep from Conservation Commission as well as other Town Boards and Committees. It was suggested that Byron Carr rep the HCC.
4. HCC Budget ending 12/31/09 was presented. Discussion led by Jed re same. HCC 2009 Annual Financial Report was presented and discussed. It was noted that \$50,000 of the CC account has already been committed...Bohanan Farm Easement Purchase. Report accepted as presented.

Old Business

1. Dijit Taylor here to discuss a proposed Hopkinton Agricultural Commission (AC). See Title LXIV, Chapter 673, Section 673:1. Its role is to advise other Town Boards and Committees re local agriculture. An AC can help educate citizens and local government on a town's agriculture. The definition of agriculture was discussed. It is defined in the State Statutes. Greener Hopkinton and the local farmers market may also be interested. The idea is supported by the HCC. The next Town Master Plan may also address this.

New Business

2. Ron wondered if the HCC still wants to support Title III, Chapter 36-A: 4-a re optional powers of a CC re land purchases. Said article is to appear on the March Town Meeting Warrant. It was moved, seconded and vote in the unanimous to support both articles.
3. LCHIP funds totaling \$200,000 were recently awarded the Town for the Bohanan Conservation Easement.
4. Five Rivers is holding a tour of the Winant Property (Concord) 10 AM on Feb. 13, 2010.
5. Bio-Energy Plant and Property is under consideration for a wood chip burning plant to support an on-site commercial greenhouse. Discussion was favorable.
6. Several possible HCC projects were presented and discussed by Jed.

Meeting adjourned at 2045EST. Thanks for the great treats, Ron. Next meeting is 1930EST Tuesday February 16, 2010 at Harold Martin School. Erick is host.

Respectfully submitted
Lee Wilder, HCC Secretary